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Letter from Adeline Manning, to Anne Whitney, 1880 September 2

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Sept 2.80

Could I not be there where you
are, this lovely 2nd of September,
my beloved! This morning
I thought I would telegraph
my greeting. But as it might
give you a moment's trouble
before the telegram was opened,
I will entrust my message
to the skies - I pray you
get it without any
pain.

Father came this morning
but I had no chance to see

him except for the moment
he spent in Stuart's room.

You must not think, my
dear, that Stuart is near
her end. It may be. but also
she has a great deal of strength,
& may live many months.

She has been very desirous to
have an electrician, not satis-
fied with the two batteries in
the house, & a Mr Dr has
been in twice; she says her-
self that she cannot help Stuart,
& she & all the doctors say

(Dr Battin & Elliot) that ~~there~~
we can rely only on morphine
till the end however long. This
of course impairs digestion, & we
already have found it best to
discontinue the effort to have
her take solid food. Except
peaches, she takes only milk
& cocoa - fruit small - but
takes nearly 2 qts of milk
a day.

Weighing myself this a. m.
I find a gain of 3 lb since
two months ago - I wish
I had more interesting

Now, something as good as
the day to send you, that
I have had a heart to give,
let that is yours you know.
I give an all my life -